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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (NAE) FOR US SPECIAL
INTEREST PROGRAM

REF USAREUR MESSAGE 031454Z JUNE 75 TO DA

1. BY REFTTEL CINCUSAREUR REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION TO FUND SUPER-
VISION AND ADMINISTRATION (S&A) COSTS FOR US SPECIAL PROGRAM, IN
ADDITION TO THE 5 PCT NAE FEE APPROVED BY NATO, FROM FUNDS AUTHORIZED
BY CONGRESS FOR US CONTRIBUTION TO NATO INFRASTRUCTURE (MAC P6400).
MESSAGE STATES THAT SUCH COSTS WERE PREVIOUSLY FUNDED IN THAT MANNER
FOR FRENCH RELOCATION PROJECTS. OUR COORDINATION WITHNSSG CONFIRMS
THAT SOME \$400,000 WAS PAID FROM P6400 FUNDS FOR EXCESS US ADMINIS-
TRATIVE COSTS IN THE RELOCATION PROGRAM. SIMILAR EXPENDITURE FOR
THE 4 PCT ESTIMATED REQUIREMENT (IN EXCESS OF THE 5 PCT
NATO NAES) OF THE \$100 MILLION SPECIAL US PROGRAM WOULD AMOUNT TO
\$4 MILLION.

2. DECISION FOR USE OF P6400 FUNDS FOR FRENCH RELOCATION
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PROJECTS, IN WHICH USNATO PARTICIPATED, WAS AD HOC METHOD TO OVER-
COME SHORT-RANGE PROBLEM OF LIMITED IMPACT. WE FEAR, HOWEVER,
THAT A SIMILAR DECISION IN THE SPECIAL PROGRAM COULD HAVE SEVERAL
UNDESIRABLE RESULTS:

A. SINCE TITLE OF P6400 LINE ITEM IS QUOTE US CONTRIBUTION TO NATO INFRASTRUCTURE UNQUOTE, ITS INCREASE OVER THE NEXT FIVE YEARS BY \$4 MILLION COULD LEAD TO CONGRESSIONS CONCLUSION THAT US WAS INCREASING ITS PERCENTAGE CONTRIBUTION TO THE NATO INFRASTRUCTURE SLICE XXVI-XXX COST SHARING AGREEMENT.

B. ABOVE POSSIBILITY BECOMES MORE EVIDENT WHEN CONSIDERED IN THE LIGHT OF FACT THAT US SPECIAL PROGRAM PROJECTS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED AT NO COST TO THE US IF THEY WERE HANDLED AS NORMAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS WHEREIN THE HOST COUNTRY WOULD ACCOMPLISH DESIGN, SUPERVISION, AND ADMINISTRATION IN RETURN FOR THE 5 PCT NATO NAE ALLOWANCE.

C. IT IS NOT CLEAR THAT WORDING OF THE MCA AUTHORIZATION WOULD ALLOW USE OF P 6400 FUNDS IN AMOUNT OF \$4 MILLION FOR PURPOSES SUGGESTED REFTEL.

D. DEVOTION OF \$4 MILLION FROM THE P 6400 LINE ITEM COULD LEAVE USNATO WITH SHORTAGE OF CONGRESSIONAL AUTHORIZATION FOR LEGITIMATE US OBLIGATIONS TO THE NATO INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM.

3. IF THE ABOVE OBJECTIONS CAN BE OVERCOME, WE WOULD NOT OPPOSE THE SOLUTION OUTLINED REFTEL ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT ANY SHORTAGE IN FUNDS TO COVER US OBLIGATIONS TO THE INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM WOULD BE PROVIDED BY DA THROUGH REPROGRAMMING OR OTHER ACTIONS.

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